

Chapter 16.26 SIGN REGULATIONS.

Section 16.26.08 Signs Allowed Without a Permit.

The following signs are allowed in any zone indicated, on private property with the consent of the owner, without the requirement of a sign permit. If there is any deviation from the strict requirements of this section, the applicant must apply for a permit, and the Director will determine if a review by the Planning Commission is required.

(1) Directional or Instructional Signs. Signs which provide direction or instruction and are located entirely on-premise and which do not in any way advertise a business shall not exceed four (4) square feet in area or four (4) feet in height. These signs may identify restrooms, public telephones, walkways, or shall provide direction such as parking lot entrance and exit signs and those of a similar nature.

(2) No Trespassing or No Dumping Signs. No trespassing or no dumping signs may be posted not closer than two hundred (200) feet and each sign shall not exceed four (4) square feet. If more signs are requested, the Director or his authorized representative may allow more if he finds that more are required to prevent violation.

(3) Plaques or Name Plates. Plaques or Name Plates no more than two (2) square feet are allowed when fastened directly to the building.

(4) Symbols or Insignia. Religious symbols, commemorative plaques of recognized historical agencies; or identification emblems of religious orders or historical agencies, provided that no such sign shall exceed eight (8) square feet in area; and provided further that all such signs be placed flat against the building.

(5) Institutional Signs. Churches, public schools, public utility companies, libraries, governmental buildings, parks, public golf courses, etc., are allowed one (1) monument sign not exceeding thirty two (32) square feet. If the institution has frontage on more than one (1) arterial street, then an additional sign of the same size is allowed.

(6) Flags. The flags, emblems or insignia of any nation, state, county or city, or Olympics organization, not exceeding twenty (20) square feet each, may be flown in tandem with each other.

(7) Public Necessity Signs. Installed by a unit of the government for control of traffic and other regulatory purposes.

(8) Holiday Decorations. Must be non-commercial in nature, clearly incidental and associated with any national, local or religious holiday, and contained entirely within the boundary of the private property on which they are erected. They must be placed to avoid confusion and traffic hazards, and removed within a reasonable period after the holiday is over.

(9) Temporary Holiday Signs. A business (in the Industrial or Commercial Zone only) may advertise a special service, product or sale on the premises of the business, during the following holiday periods without a permit:

- (a) President's Day, (February 5 days);
- (b) Easter, (March or April 5 days);
- (c) Memorial Day, (May 5 days);
- (d) July 4th, (July 5 days);
- (e) July 24th, (July 5 days);
- (f) Labor Day, (September 5 days);
- (g) Halloween (October 5 days);
- (h) Veterans Day, (November 5 days);
- (i) Thanksgiving, (November 5 days);

(j) Hanukkah, Christmas & New Years, (21 days starting December 15th and ending January 2nd); and

(k) One banner sign is allowed during those periods in addition to the normal signage, mounted on the building, and not exceeding fifteen (15) percent of the size of area of the side of the building.

(10) Changing Copy. The changing of the message on a permitted sign that has an approved marquee, reader board, electronic message or other replaceable copy area.

(11) Political or Campaign Signs. Candidates for public office or measures on election ballots as follows:

(a) May not be erected earlier than thirty (30) days prior to a primary election, and must be removed by the Monday following the general election. Candidates who lose in a primary election must remove their signs by the Monday following the primary election;

(b) Shall not exceed sixty four (64) square feet in area and, if freestanding, shall not exceed eight (8) feet in height;

(c) May not be placed on roofs, fences, public property, in a public right-of-way, or in any manner which would impede traffic visibility or safety; and

(d) May not be placed closer than one hundred fifty (150) feet from any building where an official voting station is located.

(12) On-Premise Real Estate Signs. Individual properties (not developments), advertising the sale, rent or lease of property may be placed as follows:

(a) One (1) sign per street frontage up to one hundred (100) feet.

(b) Shall not exceed six (6) square feet and six (6) feet in height, unless the street frontage exceeds one hundred (100) feet.

(c) For frontages exceeding one hundred (100) feet but less than three hundred (300) feet, one (1) sign may be placed up to sixteen (16) square feet and no more than six (6) feet tall.

(d) For frontages exceeding three hundred (300) feet one sign may be placed up to thirty two (32) square feet and no taller than six (6) feet.

(e) On or off-premise open house real estate signs not exceeding nine (9) square feet may be placed only on private property, with the permission of the property owner. They shall not be attached to trees, poles, in rights of way, or other public property, and shall be displayed only during those hours in which the house is open for actual inspection. No open house may be exhibited between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.

(13) On-Premise Home Occupation Signs. One (1) non-illuminated flat wall sign not over two (2) square feet in size which identifies the name of the business is allowed without a permit. No other forms of advertising are allowed for a home occupation.

(14) Garage Sale Signs. Must be placed on private property with the consent of the owner. May not exceed four (4) square feet in area, may not exceed three (3) signs total within the County, and may not be posted more than forty eight (48) hours prior to nor twenty four (24) hours after the time of the sale. The sale may not last longer than forty eight (48) hours.